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SUB-COMMITTEE WORK UNDERWAY

The Transformation Work Group has charged seven Sub-Committees with the task of collecting information from consumers and stakeholders on their vision for a transformed mental health system. The Sub-Committees will be asking four questions:

1. *Within Washington State, and for all mental health services, public or private, what is working well when addressing the needs of the Sub-Committee's target population?*
2. *Within the Washington State, and for all mental health services, public or private, what is NOT working, creates barriers or fails to provide quality service and support when addressing the needs of the Sub-Committee's target population?*
3. *Related to the Sub-Committee target population, what would a "transformed" mental health system look like?*
4. *What outcomes would indicate that the changes in the mental health service systems are creating results for consumers?*



TWG MEETING— DECEMBER 9, 2006

The answers to these questions are then forwarded to Task Groups that will design strategies, identify policy and finance issues and report to the TWG. Sub-Committees will be asked to look at the strategies and confirm that the vision is addressed. Finally, a Comprehensive Mental Health Transformation Plan will be submitted to the Governor and the federal government. **All public input is welcome!**

FIRST MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEES

First Public meetings are scheduled as follows (ASL interpreters will be available). Please contact us if you would like to volunteer to help with any of these meetings!

1. Children/Youth & Parents/Families

February 7th from 10-5 (public input from 1:00 – 4:00 pm)
Highline West Seattle Mental Health (Burien campus)
1010 S. 146th St.
Burien, WA

2. Adult Consumers and Families

February 9th from 10-5 (public input from 1:00 – 4:00 pm)
SeaTac Holiday Inn
SeaTac, WA

3. Older Adult Consumers and Family Members jointly with the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council Older Adult Treatment Subcommittee (OATS)

February 16th from 10-5 (input 1:00 – 4:00 pm)
SeaTac Holiday Inn
SeaTac, WA

4. Youth Transitioning Into Adulthood

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February 22nd from 10-5 (public input from 1:00 – 4:00 pm)
Criminal Justice Training Commission
19010 First Avenue South
Burien, WA

5. Homelessness

February 14th from 10-5 (public input 1:00 – 4:00 pm)
Salvation Army William Booth Center
Seattle, WA

6. Criminal Justice (Adult and Youth)

Tuesday February 7th from 10-5 (public input from 1:00 – 4:00 pm)
King County Regional Justice Center (Community Room in the Jail)
401 4th Avenue North
Kent, WA

7. Co-Occurring Disorders (Dual Diagnoses)

Friday February 10th from 10-5 (public input from 1:00 – 4:00 pm)
Greater Lakes Mental Health Care
9330 59th Avenue SW Lakewood, WA

NEXT TRANSFORMATION WORK GROUP MEETING—FEBRUARY 10, 2006

The Transformation Work Group (TWG) will meet Friday February 10, 2006 in Olympia (DSHS headquarters). The thirty-two member work group guides the MHTG project. Member represent the governor's office, state agencies, stakeholders and consumers. This meeting is also open to the public. The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Definition of Recovery
- Agency Commitments
- President's New Freedom Commission Goals
- Update on Resource Inventory and Needs Assessment
- Update on MHTG Subcommittees and Task Groups
- Social Marketing Campaign
- Consumers at the Core: Presentation by Washington Consumers

RESEARCH TASK GROUP BEGINS COLLECTION OF DATA

The MHTSIG project is contracting with a consortium of University and State Agency researchers to conduct resource inventory, needs assessment, and evaluation activities required by the grant. The participants include the University of Washington, Washington State University, Portland State University and the University of North Carolina. State agency partners include the Research and Data Analysis and Mental Health Divisions of DSHS. The groups' work is being guided by a committee consisting of consumers, family members, and parents, who will be active participants in the evaluation process. Products of these efforts will be regularly presented and reviewed with the TWG, routinely submitted to SAMHSA for approval and reported regularly in this Newsletter. For more information contact [Ron Jemelka](#).

OTHER NEWS:

- A Mental Health Research Advisory committee will convene on February 3 to begin discussions on how the research community can work together to support transformation.
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Questions or comments? Thank you for sharing our newsletter with others.
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